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January 30, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CR ACTION NO. 2:24-CR-00644
	§	
ERNEST VELA LIVAS	§	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL**

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). The following requires detention of the defendant pending trial in this case:

(1) There is probable cause to believe the defendant committed an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A); and

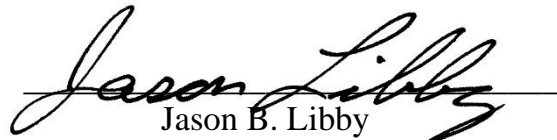
(2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

The evidence against the defendant meets the probable cause standard and the weight of the evidence is strong. At the time of the commission of the instant offense the defendant was released on bond for two felony offenses. The most basic condition of bond is that the person should not commit new law violations. Because the evidence meets the probable cause standard, it appears the defendant committed the instant serious drug

trafficking offense while on bond. Thus, the defendant has shown he is either unable or unwilling to comply with conditions of release. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted. The defendant is ORDERED detained pending trial.

The defendant is committed to the custody of the United States Marshal or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED on January 30, 2025.

  
Jason B. Libby  
United States Magistrate Judge